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The Honorable Thomas W. Brown, Director Open Records Decision No. 32
Texas Board of Private Investigators and
Private Security Agencies
959 Reinli, Suite 201
Austin, Texas 78751

Re: Whether tape recorded
open Board meetings
are subject to the provi-
sions of the Open Records
Act

Dear Mr. Brown:

You have requested our advice as to whether a tape recording of an open meeting of the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies falls within the ambit of Article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S.

In pertinent part that statute provides as follows:

"Sec. 2. In this Act:

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"(2) 'Public records' means the portion of all documents, writing, letters, memoranda, or other written, printed, typed, copied, or developed material which contains public information.

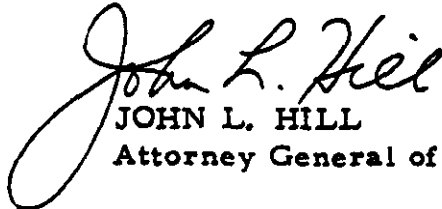
"Sec. 3. (a) All information collected, assembled, or maintained by governmental bodies pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business is public information" (emphasis added)

A tape recording produced during a Board meeting as an aid to the preparation of accurate minutes would appear to us to be information assembled "in connection with the transaction of official business." This being so, and since we can perceive no reason why the public disclosure of such a tape

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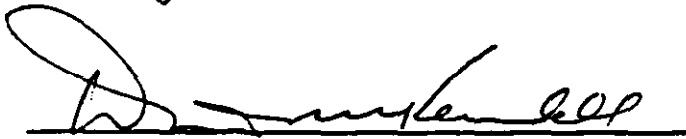
should hinder the Board in carrying out its routine functions, we conclude that the tape recording of an open meeting of the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is public information subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.

Very truly yours,


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